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At the republication date, the value of a penalty unit for an offence against this law is \$150 for an individual and \$750 for a corporation (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 133).



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#### Part 1 Preliminary

Section 1

## Part 1 Preliminary

## 1 Name of regulation

This regulation is the Government Procurement Regulation 2007.

## 3 Notes

A note included in this regulation is explanatory and is not part of this regulation.

*Note* See the Legislation Act, s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

## Part 2 Government procurement quotation and tender thresholds

## 4 Application—pt 2

- (1) This part does not apply to procurement by the Territory or a territory entity under a standing-offer contract.
- (2) In this section:

*standing-offer contract* means a contract to supply goods, services or works or a common-use contract that the Territory or a territory entity may procure from time to time during a stated period.

# 5 Procurement of goods, services or works less than \$25 000

A territory entity must seek at least 1 oral quotation from a supplier for the procurement of goods, services or works if the total estimated value of the procurement is less than \$25 000.

6 Procurement of goods, services or works for \$25 000 or more and less than \$200 000

A territory entity must seek at least 3 written quotations from suppliers for the procurement of goods, services or works if the total estimated value of the procurement is \$25 000 or more and less than \$200 000.

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# Procurement of goods, services or works for \$200 000 or more

A territory entity must invite public tenders for the procurement of goods, services or works if the total estimated value of the procurement is \$200 000 or more.

Part 2

## 10 Procurement of goods, services or works—exemption from quotation and tender requirements

(1) The responsible chief executive officer for a territory entity may, in writing, exempt the entity from a requirement mentioned in section 6 or section 9 for a particular procurement proposal.

Note 1 Responsible chief executive officer—see the Act, dictionary.

*Note 2* For a chief executive officer's power of delegation, see the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, div 3.5.

(2) However, the responsible chief executive officer may exempt the entity only if satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that the benefit of the exemption outweighs the benefit of compliance with the requirement.

#### Examples-when exemption may be given

- 1 only 1, or a limited number of, suppliers is available because of a need to buy equipment that is compatible with existing equipment, or because of a supplier's specialist knowledge
- 2 only 1 supplier can supply a particular good or service
- 3 standardisation of a product is agreed after public tenders are called for the original equipment
- 4 the time within which a particular procurement activity must be completed prevents public tenders being called
- 5 where a secondary objective of the procurement is to achieve an appreciable social or community benefit
- 6 the procurement is through a common use agreement established in another jurisdiction.
- *Note* An example is part of the regulation, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

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- (3) If the responsible chief executive officer exempts an entity, the chief executive officer may, in writing, direct the entity to do 1 or more of the following:
  - (a) seek a stated kind or number of quotations for the procurement;
  - (b) invite a tender from a stated supplier for the procurement.
- (4) An exemption must state—
  - (a) the procurement proposal to which it applies; and
  - (b) the responsible chief executive officer's reasons for giving the exemption; and
  - (c) any direction to which it is subject under subsection (3).

#### Part 3 Miscellaneous

Section 11

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## 11 Procurement proposals of territory entities—Act, s 6 (c)

- (1) The following procurement proposals of territory entities must be reviewed by the board:
  - (a) a procurement proposal that has a total estimated value of \$5 million or more, unless the proposal is covered by an endorsed strategic procurement plan;
  - (b) a procurement proposal of a territory entity (other than an administrative unit) that has a total estimated value of \$1 million or more, unless the proposal is covered by an endorsed strategic procurement plan;
  - (c) a procurement proposal in relation to information and communications technology that includes an element of system development or redesign and has a total estimated value of \$1 million or more;
  - (d) a disposal that has a total estimated value of \$1 million or more.
- (2) In this section:

*endorsed strategic procurement plan* means a procurement plan that—

- (a) states that it applies to separate procurement proposals, or activities, of a stated kind; and
- (b) has been endorsed by the board as a strategic procurement plan.

## 12 Procurement proposals—minimum requirements

- (1) This section applies to a procurement proposal that may be reviewed by the board.
- (2) The procurement proposal must—
  - (a) address the matters the entity must have regard to under the Act, section 22A (3) (Procurement principle—value for money); and
  - (b) include—
    - (i) the evaluation methodology to be used to decide the successful supplier; and
    - (ii) the evaluation criteria to be applied to the procurement; and
    - (iii) the contract management arrangements to be applied to the procurement.

## 12A Notifiable contract threshold—Act, s 25 (2) (a)

The prescribed amount is \$25 000.

## 12B Notifiable amendment threshold—Act, s 26 (a) (ii)

The prescribed amount is \$25 000.

### 12C Notifiable invoice threshold—Act, s 42A (1)

The prescribed amount is \$25 000.

## 13 Procurement procedure

- (1) The Minister may give directions about the management of the procurement activities of territory entities.
- (2) A direction is a notifiable instrument.

*Note* A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.

(3) In this section:

territory entities does not include-

- (a) the Office of the Legislative Assembly; and
- (b) an officer of the Assembly.

## 14 Confidentiality of information—Act, s 35 (1) (a) (vi)

The following information is prescribed:

- (a) information that, if disclosed, would have a significant adverse effect on the financial or property interests of the Territory or of a territory entity;
- (b) information that, if disclosed, would unreasonably constrain the development or consideration of policy alternatives by government.

## Endnotes

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### About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

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The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

#### Abbreviation key

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notified LR 28 September 2007 s 1, s 2 commenced 28 September 2007 (LA s 75 (1)) remainder commenced 1 October 2007 (s 2 and see Government Procurement Amendment Act 2007 A2007-11, s 2 and CN2007-14)

as amended by

#### Government Procurement Amendment Regulation 2009 (No 1) SL2009-17

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#### Government Procurement Amendment Regulation 2012 (No 1) SL2012-10

notified LR 26 March 2012 s 1, s 2 commenced 26 March 2012 (LA s 75 (1)) remainder commenced 5 April 2012 (s 2 and see Government Procurement Amendment Act 2012 A2012-11 s 2)

#### Legislative Assembly (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Act 2012 A2012-26 sch 1 pt 1.5

notified LR 24 May 2012 s 1, s 2 commenced 24 May 2012 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 1 pt 1.5 commenced 1 July 2012 (s 2)

# Officers of the Assembly Legislation Amendment Act 2013 A2013-41 sch 1 pt 1.4

notified LR 7 November 2013 s 1, s 2 commenced 7 November 2013 (LA s 75 (1)) sch 1 pt 1.4 commenced 1 July 2014 (s 2)

#### Government Procurement (Transparency in Spending) Amendment Act 2015 A2015-14 pt 3

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#### 4 Amendment history

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                  sub SL2009-17 s 4
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Procurement of goods, services or works for $25 000 or more and less than
$200 000
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                  sub SL2009-17 s 5
Procurement of works less than $20 000
                  om SL2009-17 s 6
s 7
Procurement of works for $20 000 or more and less than $100 000
                  om SL2009-17 s 6
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Procurement of goods, services or works for $200 000 or more
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Notifiable amendment threshold—Act, s 26 (a) (ii)
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R1 1 Oct 2007	1 Oct 2007– 30 Apr 2009	not amended	new regulation
R2 1 May 2009	1 May 2009– 4 Apr 2012	SL2009-17	amendments by SL2009-17
R3 5 Apr 2012	5 Apr 2012– 30 June 2012	SL2012-10	amendments by SL2012-10
R4 1 July 2012	1 July 2012– 30 June 2014	A2012-26	amendments by A2012-26
R5 1 July 2014	1 July 2014– 30 June 2015	A2013-41	amendments by A2013-41

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